

REMARKS

I. PENDING CLAIMS

Claim 18 is canceled herein.

New claim 19 is added herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 16, 17 and 19 are currently pending.

II. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claim 1 is amended to recite receiving a request for transition from a first portable telephone company to a second portable telephone company.

Claim 1 is also amended to recite that information is provided about a continuing contract with a service provider of the first content, when a service provider of the detected second content is the same as the service provider of the first content.

Moreover, claim 1 is amended to recite that information is provided about a new contract with a service provider of the second content, when the service provider of the detected second content is different from the service provider of the first content.

Therefore, the amended claim 1 clarify that the parties involved include "a first portable telephone company", "a second portable telephone company", "a service provider of the first content", and "a service provider of the second content".

In the prior art rejections, the claims are rejected over Chau as a primary reference. However, Chau does not disclose or suggest that the involvement of "a first portable telephone company", "a second portable telephone company", "a service provider of the first content", and "a service provider of the second content". Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments distinguish over Chau when taken by itself, or in combination with the other cited references.

Please note that new claim 19 recites receiving, by a computer processor, a request from a customer terminal for transition of a customer from a first portable telephone company to a second portable telephone company, wherein (i) content used by the customer is provided by a first content service provider through the first portable telephone company, (ii) a customer file stores information indicating that the content is used by the customer, and (iii) a service map file

stores information indicating relationships of contents, service providers of the contents, content groups, and portable telephone companies through which the service providers provide the contents.

Claim 19 also recites detecting, by the computer processor from the information stored in the customer file and the information stored in the service map file, whether the content used by the customer and provided by the first content service provider through the first portable telephone company is provided by the first content service provider through the second portable telephone company.

Further, claim 19 recites, when it is detected that the content used by the customer and provided by the first content service provider through the first portable telephone company is provided by the first content service provider through the second portable telephone company, providing, by the computer processor, information to the customer terminal about a continuing contract with the first content service provider for the content.

In addition, claim 19 recites, when it is detected that the content used by the customer and provided by the first content service provider through the first portable telephone company is not provided by the first content service provider through the second portable telephone company, providing, by the computer processor, information to the customer terminal about a new contract with a second service provider of content in a same contents group as the content used by the customer and provided by the first content service provider through the first portable telephone company.

The amended claims 1 and 17 include recitations which are somewhat similar to those in claim 19.

Support is found, for example, in FIGS. 3 and 4, and the disclosure on page 15, line 22, through page 17, line 11; page 19, lines 10-22; page 22, lines 9-19, of the specification, although support is not limited to these portions of the application.

None of the cited references, taken individually or in combination, discloses or suggests these features.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

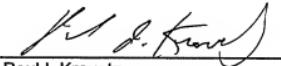
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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